

**In the Claims:**

Amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A herbicidal composition comprising

- a) one or more herbicidal active substances,
- b) one or more surfactants other than silicone surfactants, and
- c) one or more humectants.

wherein the humectant is selected from the group consisting  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , polyhydric alcohols and their ethers and esters, polyalkylene glycols, ethylene oxide/propylene oxide copolymers, sugars, cellulose derivatives, citric acid, citric acid derivatives, lactic acid, lactic acid derivatives, tartaric acid, tartaric acid derivatives, aspartic acid, aspartic acid derivatives, succinates and polyvinyl compounds.

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4. (Amended) A method of controlling harmful plants, wherein the herbicidal composition defined as in claim 1 is applied pre-emergence, post-emergence or pre- and post-emergence to the plants, plant parts, plant seeds or the area on which the plants grow.

Cancel claims 5 to 11 with prejudice or the intent of creating estoppel.

Add the following new claims:

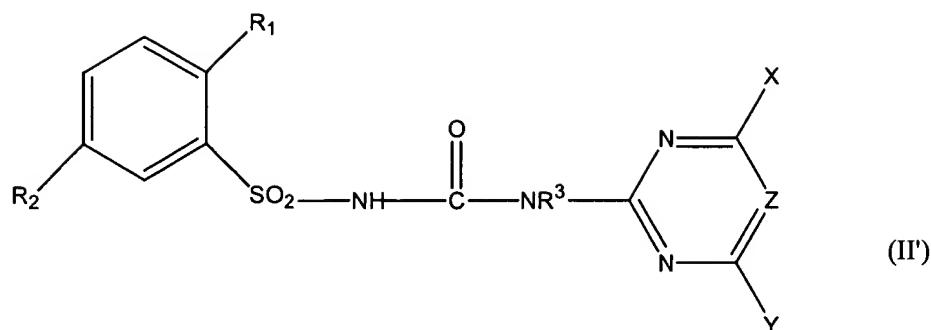
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--14. The method according to claim 4, wherein the harmful plants are controlled selectively.

15. The method according to claim 4, wherein the area on which plants grow is an area under cultivation.

16. A herbicidal composition comprising

- a) at least one compound of the formula



or a salt thereof

in which

$R^1$  is CO-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy),

$R^2$  is CH<sub>2</sub>-NHR<sup>e</sup>, where R<sup>e</sup> is a acyl radical,

$R^3$  is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,

X and Y independently of one another are identical or different and are C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl,

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, where each of the three abovementioned radicals is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyloxy or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyloxy, and

Z is CH or N,

b) at least one surfactant other than a silicone surfactant, and

c) at least one humectant selected from the group consisting of MgSO<sub>4</sub>, polyhydric alcohols and their ethers and esters, polyalkylene glycols, ethylene oxide/propylene oxide copolymers, sugars, cellulose derivatives, citric acid, citric acid derivatives, lactic acid, lactic acid derivatives, tartaric acid, tartaric acid derivatives, aspartic acid, aspartic acid derivatives, succinates and polyvinyl compounds.

17. The herbicidal composition according to claim 16, wherein R<sup>e</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylsulfonyl

18. The herbicidal composition according to claim 16, wherein X and Y independently from one another are C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy.

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A3 19. The herbicidal composition according to claim 16 wherein the surfactant is a C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl polyglycol.

20. The herbicidal composition according to claim 16, wherein the humectant is sodium lactate.

21. The herbicidal composition according to claim 16, which further comprises at least one agrochemical active substance.

22. A method for controlling the growth of Bromus plants which comprises applying a composition according to claim 16 pre-emergently, post-emergently or pre- and post-emergently to the Bromus plants, plant parts, plant seeds or to an area where the Bromus plants grow.

23. The method according to claim 22 wherein the area where the Bromus plants grow is an area under cultivation.

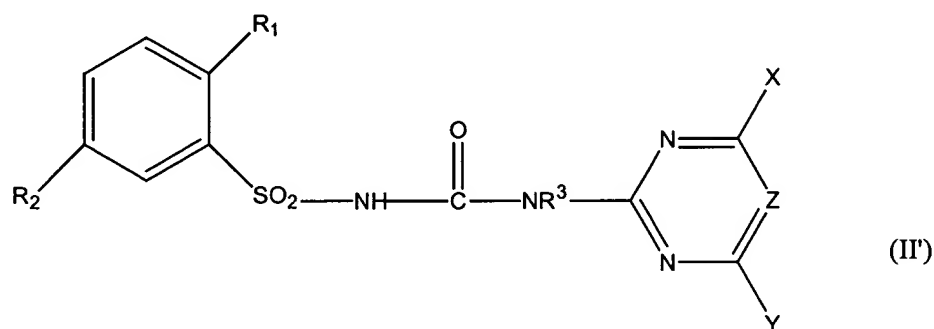
24. The method according to claim 22 wherein the Bromus plants are cultivated selectively.

25. The herbicidal composition according to claim 2 wherein the sulfonylurea herbicide is selected from the group consisting of mesosulfuron-methyl, rimsulfuron, nicosulfuron, iodosulfuron-methyl sodium, and foramsulfuron.

26. The herbicidal composition according to claim 25, wherein the surfactant is a C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl polyglycol.

27. The herbicidal composition according to claim 26, wherein the humectant is sodium lactate.

28. A method for controlling the growth of Bromus plants which comprises applying a composition comprising at least one compound of the formula



or a salt thereof

in which

$R^1$  is  $\text{CO}-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4\text{-alkoxy})$ ,

$R^2$  is  $\text{CH}_2\text{-NHR}^e$ , where  $R^e$  is a acyl radical,

$R^3$  is H or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4\text{-alkyl}$ ,

X and Y independently of one another are identical or different and are  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl}$ ,

$\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkoxy}$  and  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4\text{-alkylthio}$ , where each of the three abovementioned radicals is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4\text{-alkoxy}$  and  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4\text{-alkylthio}$ , or  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6\text{-cycloalkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkenyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkynyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6\text{-alkenyloxy}$  or  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6\text{-alkynyloxy}$ , and

Z is CH or N

pre-emergently, post-emergently or pre- and post-emergently to the Bromus plants, plant parts, plant seeds or to an area where the Bromus plants grow.